MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-seventh Annual Session

OF THE

MT. PISGAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Pine Bluff Baptist Church, Newton County, Miss.
September 19, 20 and 21, 1914

Next place of meeting Hope Church, Neshoba county, Miss., Saturday before the third Lord's Day in Sept.
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Officers: Eld. W. L. Collins, Moderator, Union, Miss.; G. P. Clarke, Clerk, Decatur, Miss.; J. E. Graham, Treasurer, Decatur, Miss.

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STATE OF RELIGION AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CHURCHES.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

In writing of this session of our dear old Association, we are reminded of the words of the old Psalmist, when he said, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Indeed, we have had a most excellent meeting. The weather has been ideal; the praching able and orthodox. The good people of Pine Bluff church and community have entertained us royally, and harmony and brotherly love have been the rule.

Now, in attempting to define the State of Religion, we are confronted with difficulties. We cannot look into the hearts of men and women, but have to judge by the outward evidences that come under our observation. The Savior said on one occasion to those around Him, "The kingdom of God is within you." The spiritual life is also compared to the wind—we see with our natural eyes the effect produced, but not the cause that produces the effect. Therefore, we must judge from our observations of the outward conduct of professed Christians. In thinking over the subject, we find two classes of professed Christians. There is one class whom we are bound to consider loyal and faithful to their Lord and Master—who have the glory of God, the good of His cause, and the salvation of sinners at heart. These are ever found at their post of duty, ready to uphold the cause—to support and encourage their pastor, and labor for the upbuilding of the church. If all professed Christians were of this class, we could, without hesitation, say that the

State of Religion is good. But now there is another class who say by their actions that "We will not have this man to reign over us." They neglect their church meetings, pay their pastor little or nothing, leave a few faithful members to bear all the burdens of the church, and many of them engage in questionable conduct. They allow almost any little worldly matters to keep them away from their meetings. As a rule, this is the class who are ready to kick at anything done in the church conference, and criticise the pastor. Untold harm is done the cause of Christ by this class of professors. Taking these things into consideration, the State of Religion is not all that we could wish. There are, however, grounds for encouragement. Our Lord is mighty, and will, eventually, consummate His purposes. We urge our apparently careless brethren and sisters to throw aside their indifference and come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

It was suggested to the writer of this epistle, by a prominent Baptist minister, that we call attention to the words of the prophet Jeremiah: "Stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the old paths, wherein are the good ways, and walk therein." He said his reason for the suggestion was, the tendency of many of our preachers to depart from the simplicity of the gospel, in order to tickle the ears of the multitude. If such be the case, we cannot too strongly urge them to get back on the Pauline system of the gospel, and preach "repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ."

G. P. CLARKE, *Chairman.*

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Seventy-seventh Annual Session of the Mount Pisgah Baptist Association.

Pine Bluff Baptist Church,

Newton County, Miss., September 19, 1914.

At 11 o'clock, a. m., the introductory sermon was preached by the appointee, Elder W. L. Collins, from Matt. 16:16.

Theme: The origin and perpetuity of the church.

The sermon was pronounced able and convincing. A short interval was spent in partaking of bountiful refreshments furnished by the church and community.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After a song, prayer was offered by Elder J. P. Harrington, of Columbus, and the Association was convened in her Seventy-seventh Annual Session by the Moderator, Elder F. M. Breland.

The following committes were appointed by the Moderator:

To Read Letters—R. K. Cleveland, Ray McMullan and W. J. McMullan.

On Finance—W. R. Moore, Claude White and T. L. Gaines.

On Preaching— Pastor and deacons of Pine Bluff church, with W. T. Cooper and W. L. Robinson.

Roll of churches called, and messengers' names enrolled. (See table.)

Officers were elected for the ensuing term, as follows: Elder W. L. Collins, Moderator; G. P. Clarke, Clerk; J.E. Graham, Treasurer. The officers elect accepted with thanks and appropriate remarks.

Petitionary letters called for. None.

Called for corresponding messengers: Elders J. P. Harrington, of Columbus Association; H. C. Joyner and J. W. Satterfield, of Bay Springs Association, were welcomed by the Moderator and seated.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Missions—W. H. Rainer, T. A. Sims, F. M. Breland and J. A. Grafton.

Temperance—W. J. McMullan, C. W. McMullan and T. L. Gaines.

Education—R. K. Cleveland, H. C. Joyner and W. R. Moore.

Sunday Schools—W. L. Collins, J. S. Laird and T. S. Smith.

Publications—E. W. Breland and G. P. Clarke.

Orphanage—H. C. Taylor, J. E. Graham and T. J. Smith.

Obituaries—Wm. Yarbrough and Alton Gardner.

State of Religion—G. P. Clarke and W. L. Collins.

Queries and Requests—H. O. White, H. B. Thornton, H. F. Nutt and J. A. Grafton.

W. M. U.—H. C. Joyner, F. M. M. Breland and Jim Anderson.

Nominations—W. T. Cooper, W. L. Robinson and J. H. Cunningham.

The committee on preaching made the following report: R. K. Cleveland to preach at the stand, 11 a. m., Sunday; F. M. Breland, same hour at the house; W. H.

Rainer, 2 o'clock p. m., at the house; J. S. Laird, same hour at the stand. Elder J. P. Harrington to lecture at the house at 7:30, p. m.

(The foregoing program was afterwards changed as to services at the house in the afternoon, and the report on missions was discussed.)

It was ordered that collections for Missions be taken at each morning service, and for the Orphanage in the afternoon. Elder T. A. Sims to conduct prayer service at the stand at 10 a. m., Sunday.

On motion adjourned to meet at 8:30 Monday morning.

SUNDAY

At 10 a. m. Elder T. A. Sims conducted prayer service at the stand. At 11 a. m. Elder R. K. Cleveland preached the annual sermon on Missions at the stand, from Rom. 5:9. Elder F. M. Breland at the same hour at the house, preached on the same subject from Matt. 28:19: Rom. 1:16. The sermons were much spoken of as being able and orthodox.

Elder J. S. Laird preached at the stand in the afternoon. At the house in the afternoon, the report on Missions was discussed at great length and adopted; also report on the State of Religion. It is hoped and believed that great good will result from the labors of the day. Dinner was furnished in great abundance by the church and community.

MONDAY MORNING

Association met pursuant to adjournment. After a song, Elder R. L. Breland offered prayer. The Moderator had read the 103d Psalm.

Roll called, and absentees excused.

Rules of Decorum were read by order of the Moderator.

Called for letters from churches not represented on Saturday. During the day letters were handed in from

Good Hope, (Scott) Hickory, New Providence and Poplar churches.

Renewed call for corresponding messengers. The following were seated: Elders J. E. Chapman, E. A. Phillips and M. S. Satterfield, from Bay Springs Association, and Elder R. L. Breland from Oktibbeha Association.

Corresponding messengers were appointed to sister Associations as follows:

Bay Springs—R. K. Cleveland, G. F. Williams, W. H. Rainer, J. E. Graham, H. C. Taylor, W. W. Adams and Wm. Yarbrough.

Oktibbeha—W. T. Cooper, R. K. Cleveland, D. M. Stroud, H. C. Taylor, H. T. May, W. L Collins, T A. Sims, W. H. Rainer, W. R. Moore, J. S. Laird, F. M. Breland and H. C. Wilkerson.

Pearl Valley—J. A. Grafton and C. T. White.

Messengers to the General Association as follows: W. T. Cooper, W. H. Rainer, J. S. Laird, J. E. Graham, Wm. Yarbrough, R. K. Cleveland, T. J. Smith, T. A. Sims, W. J. McMullan and F. M. Breland.

Proceeded to the discussion of reports.

REPORTS

Report on Sunday Schools read by F. M. Breland, discussed and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to make the following report:

It is gratifying, indeed, to see so many of our churches reporting Sunday Schools. We pray that the time may soon come when there will be a well conducted Sunday School maintained in all our churches, where our children may learn of Christ Jesus; the way of life in their early days.

Paul endorsed an early study of God's Word when he

said to Timothy: "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Another thing gratifying is the fact that almost all our churches report the use of Baptist literature. If the principles that are taught by Baptist folks are worth anything, they should be taught in all our Sunday Schools; and if not, then they should be abandoned and we should search for those principles that have done so much for the world, and teach those principles to the rising generation. But such abandonment will not have to be made, for it has been the principles taught by Baptists that have so changed the form of the governments of the nations of the earth.

Therefore, we recommend the use of Baptist literature in all our Sunday Schools, and we recommend further the literature prepared by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Nashville, Tenn.

Submitted,

W. L. COLLINS, *Chairman.*

Report on Publications read by G. P. Clarke, discussed and adopted.

PUBLICATIONS

Your Cimmittee on Publications submit the following:

First of all, we urge the reading of the Bible. Then we recommend The Mississippi Baptist as a good paper, sound in the faith of the gospel. We urge our people to take it, pay for it and read it. Then The Baptist Record is worthy of support and patronage. There are other papers that should be supported, such as The Foreign Mission Journal, Orphanage Gem and Home Field. For Sunday Schools we recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention. In this connection we would call attention to the danger in reading the trashy fiction of the

present day. It contains poison of a deadly character. It is worse than time lost to read it.

Submitted,

G. P. CLARKE.

Queries and Requests read by H. O. White and adopted.

QUERIES AND REQUESTS

We, your Committee on Queries and Requests make the following report:

We recommend that this Association hold her next Annual session with Hope church.

In answer to the query, "Can we receive our anti-missionaries' baptism?" we say no, not any more than we can receive members from other so-called churches of Christ, who are not legally baptized.

H. O. WHITE,
H. B. THORNTON,
HENRY NUTT,
J. H. GRAFTON
Committee.

W. M. U.—Read by R. L. Breland and adopted.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

We, your committee beg to make the following report:

Woman is an important factor in the progress of Christ's Kingdom in the world. It was the women of Galilee who ministered unto our Lord when He was here in bodily form, and women have ministered unto Him in spiritual things ever since. Peter found a woman's society led by the faithful and loving Dorcas whom he brought back to life and restored to grieved members of the society. Paul found a noble band of women engaged

in religious work and meeting for regular devotions by the river just outside the city of Philippi which afforded him his first opportunity to preach the gospel in Europe. The women of the present day are doing great things for the progress of the Master's Kingdom. They are well organized in many places and are helping much to bring in the Kingdom.

We, your committee recommend that the pastors of the churches of our association recognize the great good being done by them and lend all the encouragement possible to these noble women and assist them in the organization and carrying on of their work.

We recommend further that some noble woman in every church in the association interest herself in the organization of the woman's work in her church; and that the women in those churches that have this organization pray earnestly for the women in the churches which have none.

We recommend furter that the associational vice-president be invited by the ladies of the churches to visit them and assist and encourage them in their organization and work. And furthermore, that every organized society make such reports and at such time as they may be asked by the associational vice-president or by the state secretary, Miss Lackey.

We recommend further, that due recognition be given this work in the associational meeting and that a favorable time be given for the report and its discussion during the session.

We further recommend Miss Ora Lewis to be re-elected vice-president.

Respectfully submitted,

(*Miss*) NANCY BASSETT,
(*Miss*) MINNIE McCRAW.

Education—Read by W. P. Still, of Clarke Memorial College, discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

There is a greater demand for learning today than there has ever been before. More money is being expended by the Government and by private individuals in the intrest of education than in any other one cause today, that effects the life and character of our young men and women.

The Government strictly and distinctly declares that we must educate! Then realizing this as a necessity, the church should certainly interest itself about what kind of learning its boys and girls, young men and women are receiving. The time is fully ripe when the heart and conscience need to be trained as well as the head and body. We need an education in which all those vital parts are thoroughly, carefully and constantly guarded. These two elements of learning, "Literary and Christian," are best harmonized in heart and mind when begun in the earlier stages of an educational career. With these facts definitely before the minds of our people, especially our church leaders, Christian schools began to dawn upon their hearts and minds. Since our public schools do not seem to have the time to devote to the cultivation and training of the conscience, and in many instances where the public school is patronized partly by un-orthodox or anti-orthodox patrons, the Holy Scripture is discarded entirely from use.

The Christian school grew up not only as a necessity but as a command based upon our churches by our Lord, and it is impossble to even approximate full obedience to Him without such schools. The command to preach the gospel lays on us the obligation to establish and maintain schools for the preparation of our preachers. The plain

command to teach emphasizes still more the words of Christian education. In this command is wanted not only the fundamental traits of the gospel, such as repenance, faih and baptism, but "all things," whatsoever He commanded. This "all things" includes all truth in all fields of truth directly or indirectly effected by the gospel. It includes all that is implied in His teaching and conduct. It includes all that necessity arises in our efforts to carry the will of God as rewarded to us through His Word and all other mediums. Thus it covers the whole field of education, investigation and endeavor. The work of Christian education is to put on a crusade against all error and establish truth.

Again, there is not an instance on record where the illiterate law ever inaugurated a foreign missionary movement, and there is not an instance on record where others have done so without the immediate development of a sense of need of trained men and women to do the work. This means Christian Schools.

To meet the demand of the Scriptures, the Baptists of Mississippi have established schools in which to train our preachers and teachers, and educate our boys and girls for a manly and womanly Christian service. In this connection I do not hesitate to mention Clarke Memorial College at Newton, owned and controlled by the Baptist State Convention, for the education of our young men and women. Every loyal Baptist in Mississippi will support this institution with his children and his means. We have four others in the state—Blue Mountain, Hillman and Mississippi Womans College for our young ladies, and Mississippi College at Clinton, for our young men. The faculty of all of these institutions are lending their energy in the education and development of strong Christian characters of the lives of our boys and girls. We recommend by way of suggestion that every Baptist of the state sup-

port these institutions with their means and patronage.

Respectfully,

R. K. CLEVELAND,
W. R. MOORE,
H. C. JOYNER.

Obituaries—Read by J. A. Gardner and adopted.

OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries, report the following:

We find that in the past associational year, God has called from among us a goodly number of brethren and sisters, among them being the following:

Brethren E. C. Ashley, Malcomb Bounds, Olen McDowell, Roscoe Robinson, James W. Smith, E. G. Laird, T. M. Crosby, N. E. Burnham and O. D. Crenshaw.

Sisters Manerva Breland, Estelle Peavy, Ophelia Bounds, Emily Nelson, Carrie McCraney, Caroline Smith, Bettie Everett, Judson Loper, Emma White, Elizabeth Parks, Mrs. J. W. Puckett, Fannie Ryle, Sarah Gould, Lula Sims, Josephine Scoggins, Lillie Barber, Fannie Wolverton and M. E. Smithhart.

May the God of all grace comfort the bereaved and help them to rejoice in the hope of meeting their loved ones in a better day, beyond the skies, and help them to bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

W. M. YARBROUGH, *Chairman*,
J. A. GARDNER.

Nomination—Read by W. T. Cooper and adopted.

NOMINATIONS

We, your Committee on Nomination, submit the following:

That Brother W. H. Rainer preach the next introductory sermon, and Brother J. S. Laird his alternate. Brother F. M. Breland to preach the next annual sermon on Missions, and Brother W. M. Yarbrough his alternate.

Submitted,

W. T. COOPER.

Finance—Read by W. R. Moore and adopted.

FINANCE

Your Committee on Finance submit the following:

Associational fund,	$69.36
Missions	18.84
Orphanage	4.59
Balance on hand	.49
Total	$93.28

We have examined the Treasurer's report, and find that he has disbursed the following amounts:

Orphanage	$ 44.90
Printing of Minutes	57.52
Board meeting	10.00
Clerk's fee	20.00
Total	$132.42

Submitted,

W. R. MOORE.

Orphanage—Read by H. C. Taylor, discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Your Committee would submit the following:

The Orphanage is one of the most important works of our body. God has greatly blessed Brother J. R. Carter, with the little ones whom He has given us to care for. We have 230 in the Orphanage. Let us pray for and

hold them up before the great Baptist hosts of the state, and help them with our money, clothes, groceries, meat, corn, potatoes, molasses, etc. We do not understand why God took their parents and left them on the mercies of the world, but it is true. Pure religion is looking after the widows and orphans. We have them with us, and may do them good whenever we will. Let us rally to their support. Go and see them for yourselves, brethren, and ascertain their needs; then we are sure you will consider it a great work that is before us.

H. C. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

Report on Temperance read by W. J. McMullan, discussed at gerat length and adopted.

TEMPERANCE

Temperance means moderation, restrained, moderate indulgence. Abstain means to keep from; in a general sense to forbear or refrain from.

We believe the subject of temperance is not fully understood by our people. We should be temperate in eating, drinking, in thought and action, and temperate in what we say, for the tongue is a very unruly member. "If any man among you seem to be religious and bridle not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." James 1-26. Even the tongue is a little member and boasteth great things, and it is a fire, a world of iniquity. So is the tongue among our members, that it defies the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature, and it is set on fire of hell. We should be moderate in all things and at all times.

We should abstain from intoxicants, cigarettes and the so-called soft drinks, containing caffeine or cocaine—for this trio is the nucleus from which nearly all our disappointments and misfortunes come, wrecking the body and de-

menting the mind. We believe the soft drink habit will prove more detrimental to the human race than the long and well fought whiskey traffic, inasmuch as the women of this generation are fast becoming regular soft drink topers. This will eventually transmit the drink habit to our children; thereby the future will produce weaklings instead of strong valiant men. Touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing. And we might add, sisters, be moderate in dress; leave off the slit skirts; remember the modesty of our mothers.

Brethren, sisters, abstain from the very appearance of evil.

Submitted,
W. J. McMULLAN,
T. B. GAINES,
C. W. McMULLAN.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

We your Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

From the reports coming from the mission fields, in which we as an Association are interested, we are led to believe that God is leading His hosts, and greatly blessing the mission work by bringing lost souls into His fold, and by instilling into the hearts and lives of His people to support the work and calling laborers into His vineyard. Yet we do not feel equal to the task before us. Let us pray more, work more and give more. Southern Baptists have not yet known their possibilities. The statement from the Home Board is 30,000 baptisms last year; 56,000 additions to the Baptist churches—a glorious success, yet there never was a time for greater activity and missionary zeal. In 1880 the population of the South was 18,000,000. Of the 33,000,000 here today, 22,000,000 make no profession of religion. Count off 4,000,000, who from infancy or other

causes are irresponsible, and we have a mighty host of unsaved,—equal to the entire population in 1880. For further information, we refer you to the Home Board Annual, containing in true form, figures and facts of the Home work for 1914-15. In our Home work, we are seeking to reach the destitute places, and to enlist our people to greater activity. The State gave last year for Home Missions, $27,052.00. The Foreign Board has work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Japan, China and Africa. Churches in these countries, 380; outstations, 833; church members, 30,000; Sunday Schools, 542, with 22,000 scholars. In Mission schools, 9,376 students; 420 training for special Christian work. Present force of workers, 300, of whom 20 have not yet sailed. We have in addition to above, 635 native workers. 5,252 converts were baptized last year. The work is prospering in all the fields. Gifts to the work advanced $44,000 over last year. But one-half of our people had no part in this advance, and consequently had no part in the blessed results accomplished, and will have no part in the glorious rewards to be bestowed. We co-operate with the State Convention in our State work. We urge all of our churches in the Mount Pisgah Association to greater diligence, seeing that we have many things to encourage us, as we see the Master's hand beckoning us to go forward. We urge that this Association, both men and women, measure up to their responsibilities.

W. H. RAINER, *Chairman.*

At this junction a collection was taken for the orphanage.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

Met and proceeded to business.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

R. K. Cleveland,.....Decatur, Miss.
H. O. White,.....Decatur, Miss.
T. A. Sims,.....Decatur, Miss.
W. B. Hammond,.....Lawrence, Miss.
W. H. Rainer,.....Decatur, Miss.
J. S. Laird,.....Decatur, Miss.
Wm. Yarbrough,.....Lawrence, Miss.
F. M. Breland,.....Philadelphia, Miss.
G. W. May,.....Lawrence, Miss.
D. M. Stroud,.....Lake, Miss.
E. W. Breland,.....Lake, Miss.
Joe Rushing,.....Harperville, Miss.
H. C. Taylor,.....Union, Miss.
W. L. Collins,.....Union, Miss.

LICENTIATES

J. A. Gardner,.....Dixon, Miss
Henry Wilkerson,.....Dixon, Miss.
John Blass,.....Hickory, Miss.
J. G. Giles,.....Chunkey, Miss.
J. M. Williams,.....Hickory, Miss.
G. W. Brantley,.....Walnut Grove, Miss.

Note: We will state here that Rev. J. P. Harrington delivered an able and interesting lecture at the house on Saturday night. Subject: "Church Enlistment." Clerk.

CHAIRMEN TO WRITE REPORTS FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION

Missions .....F. M. Breland
Temperance .....W. H. Rainer
Education .....W. J. McMullan

Sunday Schools .....R. K. Cleveland
Publications .....T. A. Sims
Orphanage .....J. E. Graham
Obituaries .....Wm. Yarbrough
State of Religion .....G. P. Clarke

RESOLUTIONS

(1) That the Clerk be instructed to have the proceedings of this meeting printed where he can get the work most neatly and promptly done, paying for same when so done and approved by him, and that he distribute them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the Treasurer for his usual salary, printer's fee and postage, reserving a sufficient number for distribution.

(2) That all money on hand for the Orphanage be sent direct to the Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Miss., by the Treasurer, and all funds on hand, after the expenses of this Association have been met, be sent to the General Association.

(3) That we most heartily tender our sincere thanks to the Pine Bluff church and community at large, for their kind and generous entertainment of the Association during this meeting.

(4) That we now adjourn to meet with the Hope church, Neshoba county, Mississippi, on Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, 1915.

A hymn was sung, the parting hand was given, and an earnest prayer by Elder J. E. Chapman closed a most harmonious and profitable session of the Mount Pisgah Association.

G. P. CLARKE, *Clerk*. W. L. COLLINS, *Moderator*

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters specifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices. Provided that no one shall hold the office of Moderator for more than four consecutive terms.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more, until her number shall be one hundred; three until it shall exceed one hunderd and fifty, then four and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing, if requested by any member, and

shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motion made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be declared without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as any other member when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall then proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be constructed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing Articles shall be subjected to alteration or amendment by any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Assbciation.

ABSTRACTS OF FAITH—Preamble.

We the churches of Jesus Christ who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form of ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of

human nature, and of man's ability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love; that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—The man Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offspring for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, become the end of righteousness to everyone that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature and required all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to our Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to

keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teaching of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of Regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of the faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion, every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body and possesses the sole

right to exercise and control its own affairs; and therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them, if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we desire it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their consciences; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby the right is called in question shall instantly be ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association shall form their own By-laws and regulate their own proceeding in such a manner as they may think expedient.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	COUNTY	Pupils	Teachers	Literature
Beulah	Newton	60	5	Baptist
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	90	4	Baptist
County Line	Neshoba	25	3	Baptist
Center Ridge	Newton	40	3	Baptist
Chunkey	Newton	110	8	Baptist
Dixon	Neshoba	80	4	Baptist
Hickory	Newton	80	8	Baptist
Hazel	Newton	50	4	Union
Hope	Neshoba	110	9	Baptist
Lawrence	Newton	50	4	Baptist
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	50	5	Baptist
Midway	Newton	35	3	Baptist
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	36	4	Baptist
New Prospect	Newton	25	3	Baptist
Neshoba	Neshoba	160	7	Baptist
New Providence	Newton	29	4	Baptist
New Ireland	Newton	80	4	Baptist
Oakland	Newton	40	4	Baptist
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	73	5	Baptist
Rock Branch	Newton	42	4	Baptist
Salem	Scott	20	2	Baptist
Sulphur Springs	Scott	56	4	Union
Stratton	Newton	60	5	Union
Union	Scott	33	4	Baptist
Union	Newton	200	10	Baptist

STATISTICS OF MT. PISGAH W. M. U. FROM SEPT. 1913, TO SEPT. 1914.

NAME OF W. M. U.	No. Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Uses	Orphanage	Hospital	Ministerial Education	Box to Frontier	TOTALS
Neshoba.....	16	$	$12 82	$12 83	$37 03	$19 50	$11 14	$	$10 15	$103 47
" Sunbeams	20			2 22						2 22
Bluff Springs....	4	85	2 00	2 00		6 85				11 70
Decatur.....	8		2 50	2 50	8 00					13 00
Lawrence.....	9				3 00		3 25			6 25
Beulah.....	12				1 00			4 25		5 25
Hazel.....	10			2 50	12 00		2 50			19 50
Union.....	15	8 00	8 00	10 00	16 70	31 60			12 40	86 70
										$248 09

TABLE OF MESSENGERS

CHURCHES	*County*	*Post Office*	NAMES OF MESSENGERS
Beulah	Newton	Decatur	J. E. Graham, H. O. White, R. K. Cleveland, L. B. Harrison
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	Union R 1	J. A. Smith, G. W. Tidwell
Beat Line	Newton	Conehatta	T. W. Allgood, J. I. Robinson
County Line	Neshoba	Union	Odell Edmonds, H. T. May
Center Ridge	Newton	Battlefield	P. N. Wells, T. H. Wells
Cross Roads	Newton	Decatur	H. B. Thornton, W. L. Williams
Chunkey	Newton	Chunkey	J. A. May, T. J. Smith, W. F. Buckley
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	G. P. Clarke, T. L. Gaines, C. W. McMullan
Dixon	Neshoba	Union	J. A. Gardner
Ebeneezer	Neshoba	Dixon R 2	H. C. Taylor, H. Wilkerson
Ephesus	Scott	Forest R 1	J. D. Myers, A. W. Myers
Good Hope	Scott	Lake	Tom Ivey, Floyd Waltman
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	J. A. Fountain, Homer Williams
Hopewell	Newton	Battlefield	L. J. Blackwell, E. W. Beeman
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	John White, John Blass
Hazel	Newton	Lake	R. E. Mabry, J. B. Stewart, I. M. Pace
Hebron	Newton	Decatur	W. H. Rainer, J. S. Laird
Hope	Neshoba	Philadelphia	C. T. White, R. F. Barham, J. A. Grafton

Hopewell	Newton	Battlefield	L. J. Blackwell, E. W. Beeman
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	John White, John Blass
Hazel	Newton	Lake	R. E. Mabry, J. B. Stewart, I. M. Pace
Hebron	Newton	Decatur	W. H. Rainer, J. S. Laird
Hope	Neshoba	Philadelphia	C. T. White, R. F. Barham, J. A. Grafton

Liberty	Newton	Battlefield	By letter
Lawrence	Newton	Lawrence	A. H. Parks, G. F. Williams
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Philadelphia	F. M. Breland, W. F. Myers
Midway	Newton	Newton	Mark McMullan, J. W. Jones
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	Hickory	C. A. McGee, A. H. Armmstrong
New Prospect	Newton	Dixon	E. Barham
Neshoba	Neshoba	Neshoba	W. T. Cooper, J. M. Smith, B. H. Walton
New Providence	Newton	Meehan R1	F. L. Pevey, Frank Lindsey
New Ireland	Newton	Union	H. E. Germany, Ned Boler
Oakland	Newton	Hickory	J. B. Gibbon, H. B. Foreman
Pinckney	Newton	Union	Garland Gordon, A. C. Butts
Pine Bluff	Newton	Decatur	P. J. Wash, A. May
Pine Ridge	Newton	Lawrence	D. M. Stroud, I. P. Robinson
Poplar	Newton	Conehatta	John Gill, M. L. Addy
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	Hickory R1	J. H. Cunningham, Joe Caldwell
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	W. N. Covington, W. W. Adams, B. M. Pace
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	F. S. Smith, Jeff Viverett
Salem	Scott	Forest R 1	Geo. Summers, Talmage Lay
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Conehatta	J. O. Gardner, J. W. Anderson
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	T. B. Ingram, J. M. Williams
Stratton	Newton	Stratton	S. A. Gordon, Mack Estes
Sardis	Scott	Dixon R 2	M. Joyner, Lonny Andrews
Union	Scott	Harperville	R. M. Beasley, J. Rushing
Union	Newton	Union	J. R. Galloway, H. F. Nutt, H. C. Taylor, W. R. Moore
Ebeneezer	Newton	Lawrence	T. J. Bounds, W. B. Hammond

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTOR	County	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Male	Female	Colored	Total	No. Minutes	Associational Fund	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates
Beulah	G. W. Breland	Newton	10					2	63	106	1	170	30	$3 00	3	
Bluff Springs	F. M. Breland	Neshoba	5	4		2			26	39		64	20	2 00		
Beat Line	H. C. Taylor	Newton					3	1	20	17		37	10	1 00		
County Line	A. B. Culpepper	Neshoba	4		1	2			23	32		55	20	2 00		
Center Ridge	J. S. Laird	Newton	3				2		30	27		57	15	1 50		
Cross Roads	Wm. Yarbrough	Newton	4						16	21		37	10	1 00		
Chunkey	L. B. Cambpell	Newton	17	3		4		1	76	86		162	30	3 00		
Decatur	F. M. Breland	Newton	3	2	4	2	1	1	92	123		215	40	4 00		
Dixon	W. H. Rainer	Neshoba	1	1		3			20	16		36	15	1 50		
Ebenezer	J. H. Satterfield	Newton		1		1		3	17	35		52	10	1 00	1	
Ebenezer	H. C. Taylor	Neshoba	4	2		3		1				60	7	70		1
Ephesus	G. M. May	Scott	1	2	1	5	3	1	23	28		51	6	60		
Good Hope	Wm. Yarbrough	Scott	10		3	7	1		26	37		63	15	1 50		
Good Hope	F. W. Gunn	Newton	3			1		2	22	28		50	10	1 00		
Hopewell	J. S. Laird	Newton	2			2		1				92	20	2 00		
Hickory	R. A. Venable	Newton	1	2		6			40	70		110	25	2 50		1
Hazel	R. L. Breland	Newton	7	3		4	1	2	39	66		105	15			
Hebron	W. H. Rainer	Newton	4	4	3	3	4		39	47		86	17	1 70	2	

Hopewell	J. S. Laird	Newton	2			2		1			92	20	2	00				
Hickory	R. A. Venable	Newton	1	2		6			40	70	110	25	2	50		1		
Hazel	R. L. Breland	Newton	7	3		4	1	2	39	66	105	15						
Hebron	W. H. Rainer	Newton	4	4	3	3	4		39	47	86	17	1	70	2			
Hope	B. Champlin	Neshoba	13	1		2		1	28	47	75	20	2	00				
Liberty		Newton	3		2		1	1	4	9	13	11	1	10				
Lawrence	R. L. Breland	Newton	3	11		1		2	16	19	35	15	1	50	1			
Mt. Sinai	W. H. Rainer	Neshoba	10	5		5			25	45	70	20	2	00	1			
Midway	Wm. Yarbrough	Newton		1		4		2	16	27	38	10	1	00				
Mt. Pleasant	F. W. Gunn	Newton		3		1			28	45	73	20	2	25	1			
New Prospect	G. M. May	Newton	1	6		3			25	45	70	20	2	00				
Neshoba	R. L. Breland	Neshoba	5	7	1	6	3	3	80	117	197	30	3	00				
New Providence	D. A. Covington	Newton	1	2				1	12	22	34	12	1	20		1		
New Ireland	W. L. Collins	Newton				8			32	40	72	20	2	00				
Oakland	J. H. Sansing	Newton	6	3		1			20	50	70	15	1	50				
Pinckney	T. A. Sims	Newton	2	1			2		26	41	67	15	1	50				
Pine Bluff	E. A. Phillips	Newton	11	1		1		3	26	48	74	15	1	50	1			
Pine Ridge	J. H. Satterfield	Newton							10	13	23	10	1	00	1			
Poplar	G. M. May	Newton							23	26	49	10	1	00				
Pleasant Ridge	Z. K. Gilmore	Newton	3	5		6			22	45	67	20	2	00				
Pleasant Hill	R. L. Breland	Newton	6			4			71	88	159	30	3	00				
Rock Branch	R. W. Bryant	Newton	7	7		4			37	53	90	20	2	00				
Salem	J. H. Sansing	Scott					1		15	18	33	15	1	50				
Sulphur Springs	W. L. Collins	Scott				5	4		36	48	84	11	1	10	1			
Sand Spring	Z. K. Gilmore	Newton	1	1		6			19	20	39	10	1	00		1		
Stratton		Newton	8	5		2			29	34	63	10	1	00				
Sardis	E. W. Breland	Scott	3	5	1	2		3	20	31	51	20	2	00		1		
Union	J. F. Sansing	Scott	4			13	1	2	32	45	77	11	1	10	1			
Union	H. C. Joyner	Newton	20	30		24					229	25			2			

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	County	Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Aid	Building and Repairing	Pastor's Salary	Other Purposes	Total	Value of Church Property
Beulah	Newton	$14 00	$	$ 17 50	$100	$75 00	$	$206 50	$ 1500
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	3 50	3 50					7 00	400
County Line	Neshoba	14 15		23 10				37 25	500
Center Ridge	Newton					70 00		70 00	500
Cross Roads	Newton			15 00		20 00		45 00	500
Chunkey	Newton	27 00	27 35	69 35	16	200 00	80 50	414 20	2000
Decatur	Newton	40 17		51 85		136 20	5 59	233 81	1000
Dixon	Neshoba	5 87		17 00		75 00		97 87	500
Ebenezer	Neshoba			13 30				13 30	
Good Hope	Scott			15 00				15 00	
Hickory	Newton	80 00		40 00		250 00		370 00	1000
Hazel	Newton	18 00	3 50	2 00		75 00		98 50	
Hebron	Newton			12 10				12 10	
Hope	Neshoba	25 15		18 00		150 00	10 00	203 15	1000
Lawrence	Newton	32 40						32 40	
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	25 00				60 00		85 00	500
Midway	Newton	10 00					15 00	25 00	500
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	22 00	10 15	53 20		150 00	16 57	203 93	700
Neshoba	Neshoba	123 40		45 00		175 00		343 45	1500
Oakland	Newton					75 00		75 00	500
Pinckney	Newton	8 67				70 00	1 90	80 57	400
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	5 10		10 00		50 00		65 10	500
Pleasant Hill	Newton	14 61		23 41		175 00		89 21	150
Rock Branch	Newton	14 61		41 25		150 00		191 25	
Salem	Scott			17 00		75 00		92 00	700
Sulphur Springs	Scott	6 65		15 00		75 00	4 00	100 65	850
Stratton	Newton	10 00		35 00	13	100 00	8 00	166 00	500
Union	Scott	8 25		19 75				28 00	1000

Pinckney	Newton	8 67				70 00		1 90	80 57		400
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	5 10		10 00		50 00			65 10		500
Pleasant Hill	Newton	14 61		23 41		175 00			89 21		150
Rock Branch	Newton	14 61		41 25		150 00			191 25		
Salem	Scott			17 00		75 00			92 00		700
Sulphur Springs	Scott	6 65		15 00		75 00		4 00	100 65		850
Stratton	Newton	10 00		35 00	13	100 00		8 00	166 00		500
Union	Scott	8 25		19 75					28 00		1000